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Examiner	:	Kiran B. Patel
Applicant	:	Darin Evans
Appln. No.	:	10/681,806
Filing Date	:	October 8, 2003
Confirmation No.	:	6603
For	:	BUMPER WITH INTEGRALLY FORMED ENERGY ABSORBER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are claims amended in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	* 23	Minus	** 20	= 3	x $9	$	x $ 18	$54
Independent Claims	* 5	Minus	*** 5	= 0	x $43	$0	x $ 86	$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims $145						$	x $290	$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						$		$54

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

1. ____ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ____ No additional fee is required.
3. __x__ A check in the amount of $54 is attached.
4. __x__ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2004, Applicant responds as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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